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1. Location

On the northeast border of ROSTOV (39°44'E/47°14'N).

2. Installations

a. The plant was heavily damaged during the war. Its reconstruction, begun in 1945, was completed in July 1948. The buildings are in a good condition. Air raid shelters have been under construction in buildings No. 17 and 18 since 1948.

b. A factory settlement is being constructed southeast of the plant. A factory power plant and a railway track with several spurs are available in the plant area, which is 3½x2 miles (see Annex). About 80 percent of the machinery consists of German machine tools, installed between 1946 and 1949. The German machines were dismantled in a firm in ROSSWEIN, Saxony, and in the Hasse and Wrede Firm, BERLIN.

3. Work Force

About 17,000 workers, about 1,100 of whom were forced labor, and 1,600 U.S. Work was done in three shifts.

4. Production

Plows with six plowshares, and combines. The gasoline-motors of the combines are delivered from another plant. Mortar ammunition and shells are also produced.

Comment:

a. The report confirmed previous information*. The location of the plant was known before.

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b. The attached sketch essentially confirmed the plant layout as previously described*, but contains essentially more data on type of construction, size, and purpose of the buildings.

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c. The statement on the construction of air raid shelters in industrial plants has only been once reported, then for a plant in YAROSLAVL. This is of particular interest.

d. The firm from Rosswein in SAXONY where part of the machinery was dismantled was either the Rosswein Machine Factory Inc., or the Carl Bauch Hardware Factory. The BERLIN firm may have been the W. Hasse Firm in BERLIN-WEISSENSEE or the Carl Hasse & Wrede Firm Inc. in MARLANN. The latter firm produced special lathes.

1 Annex: Kostselmesh Farm Equipment Plant in ROSTOV

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Legend to Annex

- 1 Main administration building, brick structure, 240x100x60 feet
- 2 Fire department, 75x40 feet, with a 100-foot observation tower
- 3 Plant gardens
- 4 Main guardhouse and headquarters of the factory police, 270x90x60 feet
- 5 Main entrance and tunnel, which also serves as an air raid shelter. The tunnel continues under building No. 4
- 6 Administration building, brick structure, 54x36x25 feet
- 7 Electrical magazine
- 8 Garage and administration building, a four-story building, 370x450x36 feet
- 9 Motor vehicle repair shop, three-story brick building, 100x30x25 feet
- 10 PW camp (on the first floor: PWs; on the second floor: civilian internees)
- 11 PW camp
- 12 Department No. 1, completed in January 1949. Experimental production of mortar ammunition; steel structure, 200x100x36 feet. Source helped install the lathe. After completion and installation of the department, it was off-limits to PWs.
- 13 Four-story building with three sheet metal ventilating funnels, 36x10 feet; framework completed, 360x120x45 feet.
- 14 Engine house with four factory locomotives, 100x54x20 feet
- 15) Magazine, 540x30x24 feet, for:
16) a. Cutting tools
b. Dyestuffs
- 17 Magazine for plows, steel and masonry structure, 390x54x60 feet
- 17a Loading ramp
- 18 Magazine for building materials and dismantled machinery, 750x54x60 feet
- 19 Moulding sand dump, brick structure, 360x60x20 feet

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- 20 Pattern department, iron and brick structure, 200x100x45 feet. Off-limits to P's since October 1948.
- 21 Iron foundry, steel and brick structure, 480x200x60 feet, 6 furnaces, 32 moulding boxes, manufacture of parts for plows and combines
- 22) Plows departments 1 and 2 with
- 23) a. Hardening shop
- b. Assembly hall. Steel and brick structure, 480x390x45 feet
- 24 Assembly hall for combines, 720x480x36 feet, steel and brick structure
- 25 Wood-working department No. 1, 480x240x36 feet, steel and brick structure. Production of wooden parts for combines; office furniture and packing boxes were also manufactured.
- 26 Wood-working department No. 2, same as 25, 12 drying stoves
- 27 Lumber yard with three sheds
- 28 Sawmill
- 29 Power plant with six horizontal boilers, 250x200x54 feet, smokestack 150 feet high
- 30 Coal bunker with a conveyor belt leading to the furnaces
- 31 Two cooling towers, 90x25 feet, assigned to the power plant
- 32 Test laboratory and construction bureau, 540x420x54 feet, off-limits to P's
- 33 Forge with six electric hardening furnaces, acid bath, and 18 gas annealing furnaces
- 34 Pressing department, manufacture of wheels for combines in addition to runners and wheels for tanks; buildings No. 33 and 34; 1,740x120x52 feet
- 35 Machine tool department No. 1; newly installed for production of mortar ammunition in the fall of 1948. After a 14-day trial, this production was stopped.
- 36 Until mid-January 1949, repair shop; since then, production of bombs. Nos 35 and 36: 540x420x36 feet, iron and brick structure.
- 37 Steel foundry No. 1 with two open-hearth furnaces and four melting furnaces, steel and brick structure, production of plow and combine parts

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- 38 150-foot brick smokestack
- 39 Steel foundry No. 2 with two open-hearth furnaces, installed between July and November 1948, 420x340x30 feet. Production of mortar ammunition and bomb casings.
- 40 Electrical department, steel and brick structure, 250x200x25 feet.
- 41 Gasoline and oil dump, eight filled gasoline tanks with a capacity of about 13,200 gallons. Four-story administration and storage building, 90x45x36 feet. A fuel tank with a capacity of 52,800 gallons was in the basement.
- 42 Factory kolkhoz
- 43 Water tower on a hill, painted white, landmark, 75x54 feet
- 44 Sand dump with moulding sand-mixing machines, 540x160x45 feet
- 45 Forge for repairing freight cars, 420x100x36 feet
- 46 Gas plant with four gas ovens, 360x200x45 feet
- 46a 2 cooling towers with a wooden covering, 54x25 feet
- 47 Iron dump
- 47a Coal dump
- 48 Machine tool department No. 2, 480x180x25 feet
- 49 Internment camp
- 50 New workshop, 1,000x360x54 feet, iron and brick structure. The machinery was installed by March 1949. Not in operation but for ammunition manufacturing, strictly guarded.
- 51 New machine tool plant, built in 1948. German lathes were being installed, iron and brick structure, 360x150x30 feet
- 52 Carpentry, 100x25x15 feet
- 53 Wooden magazine for dyestuffs, sheet metal, and precious metals, 360x54x12 feet
- 54 Oxygen dump
- 55 Park
- 56 Gate 2.

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